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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

The Advisory Action mailed April 20, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. A *Request for Continued Examination* was filed April 27, 2004, along with a request to consider the *Amendment* filed on April 5, 2004. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 19, 2001; March 12, 2002; December 23, 2002; March 3, 2003; April 28, 2003 (received by OIPE on April 30, 2003); April 28, 2003 (received by OIPE on May 2, 2003); and May 29, 2003.

Regarding the IDS filed December 23, 2002, the Examiner is thanked for indicating his consideration of the three documents cited under "OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS" by adding his initials next to each citation. However, the record now shows that the citations are both crossed through and initialed by the Examiner. In order to clarify the record, the Applicant has provided a clean copy of the IDS filed December 23, 2002, so that the record may clearly show the Examiner's


consideration of the references cited therein, and so that the documents cited therein are properly recorded on the face of the patent upon issuance.

Regarding the IDS filed April 28, 2003 (received by OIPE on May 2, 2003), which cites JP 63-316885 and FR 2549627, the Examiner is thanked for indicating his consideration of JP '885 and FR '627 by citing these references on Form PTO-892. However, it is not clear from the record whether the full translations of these documents have been considered by the Examiner. In order to clarify the record, the Applicant has provided a clean copy of the IDS filed April 28, 2003 (received by OIPE on May 2, 2003), so that the record may clearly show the Examiner's consideration of the full translations of JP '885 and FR '627.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 evidencing consideration of these IDSs.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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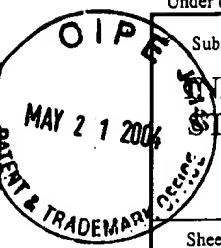
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